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MUDA hands over 240 Layouts to MCC, CMC, TPs

MUDA meeting tomorrow to discuss transferring of remaining 700 Layouts

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (RK&BS)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) today completed the process of handing over of 240 residential Layouts to the respective local bodies including the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

MUDA Secretary Prasanna Kumar handed over the documents related to the residential Layouts to the Officers representing MCC Commissioner, Chief Officers of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC), Bogadi, Srirampura and Rammanahalli Town Panchayats, at the meeting hall of MUDA.

The total of 240 Layouts that have been handed over so far, are fully developed, with 700 more Layouts remaining to be handed over, the process of which is expected to be completed by the end of December. The process of handing over of the Layouts began about a month ago.

MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan told *Star of Mysore* that following the handing over of the Layouts, the MCC and respective local bodies, that have got the custody of the Layouts shall henceforth be providing the services related to Khata, collection of tax, drinking water supply and Underground Drainage (UGD) related services.

MUDA Secretary Prasanna Kumar handing over documents regarding the transfer of residential layouts to Srirampura Town Panchayat (TP) Chief Officer Suresh** (fifth from left) **at the meeting hall of MUDA this morning as MCC Zone-3 Development Officer Satyamurthy** (extreme right) **and other MUDA officials look on.

MUDA meeting

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has convened the next general meeting of MUDA tomorrow. It is the second meeting within a short span of one month, after the DC was given the concurrent charge as MUDA Chairman. The previous meeting was held on Nov. 7.

The meeting is expected to take a call on handing over 700 Layouts currently under MUDA jurisdiction, to the respective local bodies, along with another major decision on limiting the powers of MUDA only to approve the layout plans and draft the City Development Plan (CDP). The other services related to issuance of khata, collection of tax, issuing Completion Report (CR) and other services will not be provided by the MUDA.

Till the MUDA-developed Layouts are handed over to respective local bodies, MUDA will be providing the services related to khata and tax. Once the Layouts are handed over to the local bodies, MUDA should not collect tax from the residential sites, residential and commercial buildings. The decision in this regard is expected to be taken during tomorrow's meeting.

Most importantly, the meeting shall be deciding on resuming the services provided to the public, that has been suspended after the multiple investigation agencies including Lokayukta, Enforcement Directorate (ED) and One-Man Judicial Commission headed by retired High Court Judge P.N. Desai launched the investigation into 50:50 site scam at MUDA.

House burgled right under resident's nose

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (RK&KS)- Miscreants using a goods auto made away with household items worth Rs. 45,000 from a rented house in Jayalakshmipuram on Nov. 21.

Despite the theft occurring in front of a hotel employee, the culprits managed to flee with the items. The incident came to light when M.K. Cariappa, a staff of Southern Star Hotel, complained to the Jayalakshmipuram Police on Nov. 27.

The house, 'Anuradha Nilaya,' located at No. 58, 3rd Block, 8th Main, Jayalakshmipuram, was taken on rent by Southern Star Hotel, to accommodate hotel employees.

On Nov. 21, between 3 pm and 4.30 pm, Restaurant Manager Bolenath was at the house when two unidentified individuals arrived, claiming to be messengers from Southern Star, the Police complaint said.

They handed him a mobile phone, stating there was a call for him. The caller, pretending to be from the hotel, informed Bolenath that they had sent two people to collect household items from the house. Trusting the caller, Bolenath believed the message was legitimate.

Once Bolenath disconnected the call, the miscreants loaded a Samsung TV, a glass teapoy, a set-top box, a fridge and a study table, worth Rs. 45,000 into their goods auto and drove off, the complaint stated.

The theft was reported six days later when Hotel employee Cariappa filed a complaint with Jayalakshmipuram Police on Nov. 27, requesting legal action against the culprits.

Jayalakshmipuram Police are investigating and are on the lookout for the miscreants based on the provided description and are looking into CCTV footage captured on the road and nearby areas.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 29th November 2024

Invited as Distinguished Speaker for Academic Symposium in Colombo

Dr. Basavaraju

Mysuru, Nov. 29- Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director of Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Mysuru, has been invited as a Distinguished Speaker at the Academic Symposium on Monitoring and Evaluation Education-2024 to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from Dec. 2 to 4.

The Symposium, organised by the Centre for Evaluation at the University of Arizona Jayewardenepura, the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association and the Consortium of Institutions on M&E Education in Asia Pacific, brings together leading experts and academicians from different countries to enhance the understanding and integration of M&E into the educational curricula of management, social sciences, and development studies.

He has extensive expertise in policy analysis, grassroots development and policy engagement. His role as the National Coordinator of the G20 Delivering Democracy (DD) initiative in India demonstrated his commitment to promoting democracy and strengthening the government-civil society relationship through participatory governance.

Dr. Basavaraju has significantly contributed to public policy through his leadership roles, emphasising community-oriented governance, which remains a pivotal aspect of his teaching and policy work.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE POWER OF SPIRITUAL SAADHANA: ***Recently one of my dear friends passed away. He was running into his 85th year. He lived very simple and quiet life and passed away quietly. For a few weeks he had experienced difficulty. While coughing, sputum wouldn't come out. That was the only outer sign. Sensing some minor old age issue his niece and nephew brought him to hospital. He walked swiftly inside the hospital, never to walk back. Within a couple of days, it was all over. He was diagnosed with advanced stage of lung cancer.***

Now in his absence, he has become a live example for people in his circle of how spiritual *saadhana* ***can help you to endure an otherwise painful experience;*** *saadhana* ***can make the journey to the beyond comparatively painless. But how many of them had noticed his 'presence' while life was kicking in him? That's the irony.***

Saadhana ***unfailingly does what it must do. There is no need to speak a word about it.*** *Saadhana* ***needs no glorification. Those who do it become glorious. He was a rare person. In his casual and rugged ordinariness, his extraordinary character was neatly wrapped.***

The volume of content available in our mail boxes from our conversations over email may be enough to write a couple of books. He was the only friend I had in Bengaluru whom I considered a friend in the real sense.

He was not an ordinary person. About 55 years of his *saadhana* ***had evolved him to command a humble spiritual presence. But one needs certain level of divine discernment, what is known as*** *Vimal Vivek,* ***received from a guru to feel the 'real presence.'*** *Saadhana* ***without choosing one's guru derails spiritual progress.***

The real goal of spiritual *saadhana* ***is*** *satsang.* ***In*** *satsang* ***alone it is possible to undergo the experience of real freedom, independence, salvation and liberation. These are various levels of*** *satsang* ***in an initiate's consciousness which keeps changing/transforming/ metamorphosing/transcending until one attains the ultimate.***

What is common among all forms of *satsang* ***like the thread coursing through beads in a rosary or flowers in a garland? Think about it. Isn't it the dialogue with the 'other' within whether we are at war or in peace?***

— Nandkishore in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Message in bottle uncovered after 132 years!

Rhins of Galloway: Engineers have uncovered a 132-year-old message in a bottle hidden within the walls of a lighthouse in southern Scotland. The discovery was made at Corsewall Lighthouse, located at the northernmost tip of the Rhins of Galloway. The bottle was found by Ross Russell, Morgan Dennison and Neil Armstrong.

This "once-in-a-lifetime" find is believed to be the first message in a bottle ever discovered inside a Scottish lighthouse. Written in quill and ink, the note, dated September 4, 1892, lists the names of three engineers who installed a new type of light in the 100-foot (30-meter) tower, along with the names of the lighthouse's three keepers.

Extracting the note proved challenging as it initially appeared too large to fit through the bottle's narrow neck. Using a custom tool crafted from two pieces of cable, the team gently twisted the message free.

Scratched by pet cat, man bleeds to death

Leningrad: A middle-aged Russian man suffering from diabetes and poor blood clotting tragically lost his life after being scratched on the leg by his pet cat. On Nov. 22, Dmitry Ukhin, a 55-year-old man from the Kirishi district, in Russia's Leningrad region, went looking for his pet cat Styopka around the neighbourhood. Eyewitnesses later told Police that Ukhin found his cat and took it home with him, but couldn't how the cat scratched his leg that he bled to death.

An investigation into Dmitry Ukhin's death will try to explain why the cat attacked and how it was able to scratch deeply to sever a vein. Ukhin's wife told investigators that Styopka was harmless and attached to Ukhin, so she can't imagine her scratching him to death.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Stay Hydrated: Drinking adequate water helps flush out toxins and supports overall immune function.

By Dr. Veeresh J. - Associate Consultant - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Book on GST released

Mysuru, Nov. 29- Rev. Fr. Dr. Augustine George, Principal of Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, unveiled the book *"GST Simplified: A Practical Guide for Management and Commerce Students,"* authored by Dr. C. Umesh, Assistant Professor in the Department of Management and a resident of Mysuru, along with co-authors Dr. Mohan Kumar and Dr. Janani.

Designed as a comprehensive yet accessible resource, the book aims to equip management and commerce students with a clear understanding of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), bridging the gap between theory and practical application.

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Today's Outflow **5,501 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,600 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The world's largest frog is the Goliath frog. This frog can be found in the rain forests at the equator of western Africa, near swift-moving rivers and waterfalls. It can grow to 15 inches long and weigh up to 7 pounds.***
- ***The smallest known frog is the Paedophryne amauensis, which grows an average of 7.7 millimeters long. These tiny frogs can be found in the New Guinean rain forests and are the record holders for the smallest vertebrate in the world.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Lakshmi: *I see you've got a letter, who's it from?*

Reshmi: *Why do you want to know?*

Lakshmi: *Why do you want to know? My goodness. I never knew you were so inquisitive!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 84.49**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 107.43**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.00**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.33**

VOICE OF THE READER

Provide lighting facility at bus shelters in Yadavagiri

Sir,

The two bus shelters located next to Yadavagiri Post Office as well as opposite one near Mysuru Akashvani lacks lighting facility.

Many offices, hospitals, factories and other institutions are located in this area.

Large number of passengers including women are utilising these bus shelters. They have to wait in pitch dark with fear till the arrival of city buses.

Adding to the problem, city buses will not provide stops at these bus stops, alternatively they will stop in front of Akashvani or Ta. Ra. Su Circle to avoid passengers even though there is much space in the bus to accommodate them. As such passengers have to run behind the buses to board.

Through this column I request the authorities concerned to look into it and provide lighting facility to these two bus shelters at the earliest and the KSRTC authorities should instruct their staff to stop the buses at designated bus shelters.

— **Savithramma**

Yadavagiri
25.11.2024

Lecture and music concert tomorrow

Prerana

Mysuru, Nov. 29- Surabhi Ganakalamandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will conduct a lecture programme by Vidu. Lalitha Srinivasan on *"Ramayana in the compositions of Thyagaraja'* tomorrow at 4 pm. This will be followed by a classical vocal concert by Prerana Praveen at 5 pm.

Both the events will be held at 'Sriswara', 1095, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, under the 'Aralu Prathibhe' series of the Trust.

Prerana, disciple of Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, will be accompanied by Govinda Madhava on violin (Bengaluru) and Bhuvan Ravishankar on mridanga (Mysuru), according to a press release from A. Keshava Saralaya.

Titan MD visits V-LEAD

Praveen Kumar, Education Sector Head of SVYM, Mysuru, explaining about various training activities undertaken at V-LEAD to C.K. Venkataraman** (second from left), **Managing Director of Titan Company Limited, Bengaluru as S. Savitha, CEO of SVYM looks on. Ramesh Venkataraman, Monitoring Evaluation Officer at V-LEAD, was also present.

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (KS) - C.K. Venkataraman, Managing Director of Titan Company Limited, Bengaluru, who is on a day-long tour to various centres run by Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) for a CSR Familiarisation Programme, visited Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD) this morning and reviewed the works and activities undertaken there.

The Titan Company has provided funds through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme and the Titan Company MD also went through various activities taken up by V-LEAD and requirement of extra funding from Titan Company.

During the day-long visit, C.K. Venkataraman and team will visit Vivekananda Institute of Indian Students (VIIS), Mysuru; Inaugurate home-based biogas plants at Jompanahalli; Interact with Chips Making Unit team at Annurhaadi; Visit Vivekananda Memorial Hospital, Viveka School of Excellence, Janadhwani – Community Radio Station (SVYM Saragur); Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre (VRLC) at Kenchanahalli; Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning (VTCL) at Hosahalli and VTCL's 35th School Day function.

Chunchanakatte Jalapathotsava on Nov. 30, Dec. 1

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (MTY&BS)- The two-day Chunchanakatte Jalapathotsava is scheduled to be held on Nov. 30 and Dec.1 at Chunchanakatte in Saligrama taluk in the district, said K.R. Nagar MLA D. Ravishankar.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the Jalapathotsava on Nov. 30 at 6.30 pm. Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, K. Venkatesh and Shivaraj S. Tangadagi, MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose and others will be present.

During the previous years, owing to COVID-19 pandemic, the Jalapathotsava had been stopped. However, due to improvement in situation with Cauvery river flowing to its brim, the Jalapathotsava has been organised this year.

About 20,000 people are expected for the two-day event.

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NEWS BRIEFS

AIDS Day rally in city on Dec. 1

As part of World AIDS Day, the District Administration in association with Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Health and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), Bengaluru, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, District Legal Services Society (DLSA), Government Nursing College, Mysuru, Jeevadhara Lions Blood Centre, Ashakirana & Anandajyothi Positive Network, Ashodaya Samiti and other Voluntary organisations, will be taking out a rally in the city at 9 am on Dec. 1. Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member Secretary B.G. Dinesh will flag off the rally at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 9 am. The rally is being taken out with the theme "We shall follow the right way for getting our rights: My Health, My Right", according to a press release.

Admission to Diploma Course

Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management (KICM), Sahakara Bhavan, Chamaraja Double Road in the city, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to 6-month regular course in Diploma in Co-operative Management and for admission to Diploma in Co-operative Management through distance learning for staff of Co-operative societies and other Co-operative bodies. The interested candidates can obtain the prescribed application forms from KICM and the same must be returned by Dec. 25. Only eligible candidates from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts can apply. The application forms are available at the Institute office on Chamaraja Double Road, District Co-operative Union, Sahakara Bhavan, Mandya District Co-operative Union, 1st Cross, Ashokanagar, Mandya and District Co-operative Union, District Administration complex, Chamarajanagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520563 or Mob: 99021-89872, 98459-18519, 95352-50704.

Ph.D awardee

Akshatha Prabhu has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the Amritha Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru, for her thesis 'An Automated Framework for Mango Fruit Processing using Computer Vision Techniques' submitted under guidance of Dr. N. Shobha Rani.

Rs. 20 lakh bribe sought for bar and restaurant licence

Mandya Congress activist lodges Lokayukta Police complaint against Excise officials

Mandya, Nov. 29 (KS)- Congress activist, Puneeth, from Chandopura village in Maddur taluk, has filed a complaint with the Lokayukta SP, accusing Excise Department District Officer Ravi Shankar and Inspector Shivashankar of demanding a bribe of Rs. 20 lakh to process a bar and restaurant licence.

Puneeth has submitted audio and video evidence to support his allegations, urging the Police to register a case and begin an investigation into the matter.

This case highlights broader allegations of corruption within the Excise Department under Congress Minister R.B. Thimmapur. Many bar and restaurant owners across the State have raised similar complaints, accusing officials of demanding exorbitant bribes to process licenses.

These grievances have even led to threats by bar owners to shut down their establishments statewide in protest. After personal assurances by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that liquor outlet owners will not be harassed, the protest was called off.

Case details

Puneeth applied for a CL-7 licence online in his mother's name to establish a bar and restaurant near Chandopura. However, the application was rejected by Excise Department officials, who cited the absence of necessary permissions. Following the rejection, Puneeth personally visited the Excise Department office to address the issue.

During this visit, Inspector Shivashankar allegedly demanded a bribe, explaining that the payment, referred to as 'mamool,' was essential to secure the approval of higher officials.

Initially, a sum of Rs. 40 lakh was demanded, but after negotiations, the amount was reduced to Rs. 20 lakh. Puneeth said in his complaint that when he refused to pay the bribe, his application was outrightly rejected by the department.

Frustrated by the alleged corruption, Puneeth approached the Lokayukta SP and filed a formal complaint against Ravi Shankar and Shivashankar.

In his complaint, he detailed the bribe demands and the subsequent rejection of his application. Along with the complaint, he submitted both audio and video recordings as evidence of the demands made by the officials. Puneeth has urged the Lokayukta Police to conduct an investigation and initiate legal action against the officials.

CM Siddaramaiah influenced Lokayukta investigation: BJP

"Lokayukta Police lack credibility; will a common man be treated the same lenient way?"

M.G. Mahesh

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (BLU&BCT)- BJP State Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh has accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of exerting undue influence over the Lokayukta, alleging that the investigation into his misuse of power in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 sites scam is compromised.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP Office in city yesterday, Mahesh questioned why Siddaramaiah, despite being the primary accused (A1) in a Lokayukta case has not been arrested.

"Siddaramaiah's wife benefited from MUDA sites which the family got through his political influence. Though Siddaramaiah did not apply for anticipatory bail, he was not arrested. He very well knew that Lokayukta would not arrest him," Mahesh charged.

Mahesh claimed that multiple charges have been filed against Siddaramaiah for abuse of power, yet no action has been taken, allowing him to 'roam freely.'

He further criticised the Lokayukta's investigation, suggesting it lacked credibility and questioning whether ordinary citizens would receive similar leniency.

"Does the Lokayukta need more proof to show it has become a puppet under Government control?" Mahesh remarked. Calling for immediate action, he demanded a fair and unbiased probe to restore the Lokayukta's reputation and urged Siddaramaiah's arrest.

Responding to queries about factionalism within the BJP, Mahesh dismissed concerns, asserting that party principles outweigh individual differences. He assured that the BJP's high command would resolve internal issues within a month, emphasising that these developments have not tarnished the party's image.

Regarding Congress' by-election victories, Mahesh called the results predictable, as ruling parties typically win such elections. However, he flayed Congress' approach in the Maharashtra elections, accusing the party of favouring the Muslim community over OBCs, contrasting it with BJP's focus on giving more tickets to OBC candidates.

BJP leaders Mahesh Raj Urs, Dayanand Patel, Suresh, Babu, and Gopal Rao were present at the press conference.

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

Former MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju questioned

Kantharaju

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (BLU&BCT)- Former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju appeared before the Lokayukta Police in Mysuru yesterday to face questioning regarding the controversial allotment of 14 compensatory sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, in exchange for her 3.16-acre land at Kesare.

The Lokayukta Police have registered an FIR against Siddaramaiah, Parvathi, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy (Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law), and original landowner J. Devaraju.

The FIR stems from allegations of irregularities and political influence and the Special Court for Elected Representatives, Bengaluru took cognisance of it and directed the Lokayukta Police to book a case and investigate.

Kantharaju, who served as MUDA Commissioner from September 2017 to November 2019, arrived at the Lokayukta Office on Dewans Road at 11 am and was questioned until 1 pm. Lokayukta Superintendent of Police T.J. Udesh sought details about a 2017 MUDA Board decision to compensate Parvathi with developed sites.

Speaking to reporters after the interrogation session, Kantharaju said the inquiry focused on decisions taken during his tenure. "In a December 2017 meeting, the MUDA Board unanimously agreed to allocate undeveloped land as compensation for the authority's acquisition of Parvathi's property. I have explained this decision to the Lokayukta Police," he stated, adding that he could not divulge further details due to the ongoing investigation.

Earlier, other officials connected to the case, including former Additional Deputy Commissioner S. Palaiah, former MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and current Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik, had also appeared before the Lokayukta Police.

Obituary

D. Mahesh

Mysuru, Nov. 29- D. Mahesh (55), a resident of Vijayashreepura, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in city this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

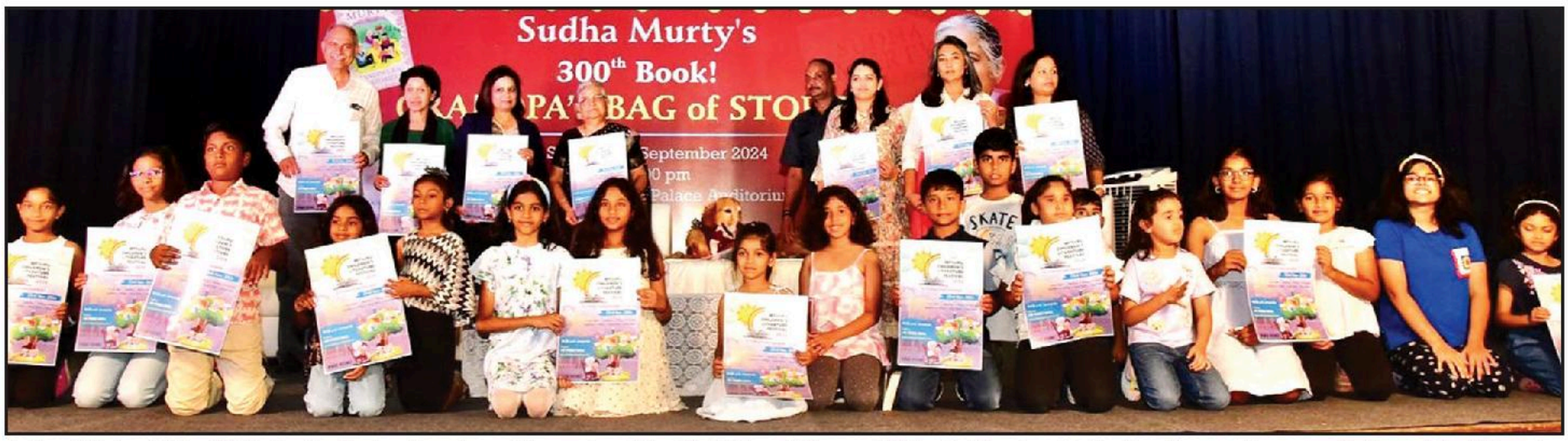
Dr. T.R. Geetha

Dr. T.R. Geetha (83), a General Practitioner (GP), who was running Sri Krupa Clinic on Dhanvantri Road cross for more than 50 years, passed away yesterday night in city. She was the alumni of Mysore Medical College.

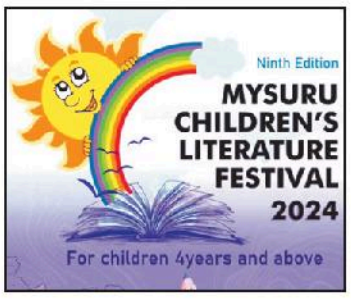
A resident of No. 445, K.N. Agrahara in city, she was a spinster and leaves behind her elder sister, younger brother and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Sculptor Arun Yogiraj to inaugurate Mysuru Children's Literature Festival tomorrow

● Dr. Sudha Murty releases poster ● City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar to release books



Author & Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Sudha Murty, who released the poster of the 9th Edition of Mysuru Children's Literature Festival in city recently, seen with her pet Gopi, Founder-Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs, Trustees Kitty Mandana & C.R. Hanumanth; Sarika Dhoot, Jyothsna Irani, Shruthi Sudhanva and members of Mysuru Children's Book Club-2010.



Arun Yogiraj

Seema Latkar

Mysuru, Nov. 29- The ninth Edition of Mysuru Children's Literature Festival-2024, organised by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, will be held on **Nov. 30 at Wind Chimes, Nazarbad, Mysuru, from 2 pm to 6.30 pm.** This event promises to be an exciting celebration of stories, creativity and young imaginations.

The festival will be inaugurated by sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who will share his journey of creativity and excellence. City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar will be the chief guest, releasing books and distributing prizes to the winners of the Inter-School General Knowledge competition and short-story writing contest.

This year's line-up is impressive, with three debut authors: Shama Thakare, Sharon Dev and Sreevalli Sreenivasan. Other notable authors include Ramya Srinidhi, Shreya Narayanan, Anupama K. Benachinamardi and Ghanesh Venkatesh.

Story-tellers Arun Urs, Namratha Urs and Chandini Chhabra will regale the audience with tales of winged wonders and secret stories in stone.

Illustrators Vanya Joseph and Senthil will bring characters to life while Dr. Nima Manjrekar, Pooja Toshniwal and Roopa Shivaprakash will engage children with stories and dance.

Ventriloquist Suma Rajkumar will mesmerise the audience with her well-synced performances while Phaneesh will introduce the fascinating world of robotics and technology to the young audience, sparking their curiosity and creativity.

The festival will also host two panel discussions — one on crafting modern stories for young readers and another on the magical world of butterflies.

Entry is free for children aged 4 and above, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to bond over literature and creativity.

Apart from the sessions, there will also be attractive stalls at this festival which will draw the attention of children and parents. There will be books for children, unique gel toys, tattoo, robotics stalls etc.

The stall of Mythri Charitable Trust, which works for the empowerment of the disabled, will also be there. A Sirsi Vanasiri organisation will sell various vegetable seeds to instil interest in gardening among children.

There will even be shops selling baskets of various designs and sarees for mothers besides food stalls with delicious dishes.

Also children can get their own cartoons and caricatures drawn by the experts. Another attraction of the festival is 'Book Swap Corner' where you can swap the books you have read to a new book from another reader.

For details, contact Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder-Chairperson and Director, Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, the visionary behind the festival, **on Mob:96069-93137 or log on to *https://www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com/***

Schedule of Children's Literature Fest at Wind Chimes

TIMINGS	TOPIC	AUTHORS
	UNDER THE TREE	
3.15 pm - 3.45 pm	Against the Tales of Strength and Bravery	Ramya Srinidhi
3.55 pm - 4.25 pm	'Detective Pranav' — Put on your detective hat and dive into the thrilling story.	Anupama K. Benachinamardi
4.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Threads of Bravery : Amara's Journey Through the Impossible	Shreya Narayanan
5.05 pm - 5.35 pm	One Tail at a time : Nurturing Creativity	Sharon Dev
5.40 pm - 6.00 pm	Fun time with Ventriloquist : Talking Doll	Suma Rajkumar
6.00 pm - 6.30 pm	Music & Masti Time	
	INSIDE THE HALL	
2.30 pm - 3.00 pm	Magical illustrations	Senthil
3.00 pm - 3.30 pm	Be Brave, Be you : Its all about Ocean	Shama Thakare, Vanya Joseph & Nima Manjrekar
3.35 pm - 4.05 pm	Buzzling Adventures : How Bees Save Elephants	Sreevalli Sreenivasan
4.10 pm - 4.40 pm	Winged Beauties : Exploring Butterflies	Arun Urs & Namratha Urs
4.40 pm - 4.55 pm	Thrills & Chills : Ghanesh's Mystery World	Ghanesh Venkatesh
5.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Phaneesh's Playground : Gadgets and ROBOTS	H.B. Phaneesh
	4+YEARS	
3.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Secrets in Stone	Chandini Chhabra
4.05 pm - 4.30 pm	An immersive experience of music & dance through story telling	Pooja Toshniwal
4.35 pm - 5.00 pm	Rhythmus Happy Feet	Roopa Shivaprakash

City swimmers shine at Hassan meet

Mysuru, Nov. 29- The State Non-Medallist Swimming Competition, organised by the Hassan Swimmers Club on Nov. 23 and 24 in Hassan, showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship among the participants.

A team of swimmers from Mysuru District Swimming Association (MDSA), which took part in the contest, has bagged multiple medals.

Aadhya Hiremath (Group 4 Girls): Gold in 200m Freestyle; two Silver in 200m Individual Medley (IM) and 4x50m Medley Relay. **M.R. Charvi (Group 4 Girls):** Three Silver in 200m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 4x50m Medley Relay. **Manasa (Group 1 Girls):** Three Gold in 200m IM, 200m Freestyle and 200m Butterfly. **Chinmayi (Group 3 Girls):** Gold in 100m Breaststroke; two Silver in 200m IM and 4x50m Medley Relay. These swimmers were coached by Skanda R. Ashwath, an athlete and a national record holder in triathlon from Mysuru.

Siddaramaiah meets PM Modi,
urges him to restore NABARD lending

New Delhi, Nov. 29 (Agencies)- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi this noon to submit a memorandum seeking Central assistance on several issues.

The CM thanked Modi for meeting him on short notice and outlined six key demands.

Siddaramaiah urged the PM to address the 58 percent reduction in the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) loan to the State, which has fallen from Rs. 5,600 crore in 2023-24 to Rs. 2,340 crore in 2024-25.

He expressed concerns that this cut would raise the cost of finance for farmers unless the State steps in with additional interest subvention.

Narendra Modi

Siddaramaiah

He also requested Rs. 5,300 crore for the Upper Bhadra Project, as promised in the Union Budget and called for swift approval under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme.

The CM sought clearances for two crucial projects — the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and the Kalasa Banduri project — and emphasised their importance for irrigation and water resources in Karnataka.

Regarding urban infrastructure, Siddaramaiah appealed for funding to improve Bengaluru's transport and public services.

He requested Rs. 10,000 crore for Tier-2 cities under schemes like AMRUT to address growing urbanisation. Karnataka has allocated Rs. 2,000 crore under the Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Vikas Yojana, but the CM deemed this insufficient.

Additionally, Siddaramaiah raised concerns over Karnataka's reduced share in the 15th Finance Commission recommendations and requested Rs. 5,495 crore to offset this loss, along with a special grant of Rs. 6,000 crore for the Peripheral Ring Road in Bengaluru and rejuvenation of water bodies. He urged the Prime Minister to direct the Ministry of Finance to provide additional grants to the State.

Halt MUDA Layouts handover process: Ex-Mayor

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (BLU&BS)- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has criticised MUDA for its decision to hand over layouts to local bodies without officially notifying the transfer in the State Gazette, calling it a violation of law.

Sandesh Swamy

In a press release, Swamy referred to the transfer of 240 out of over 900 layouts to local bodies including the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), City Municipal Council and Town Panchayats, questioning the legality of the move. He pointed out that services related to issuing khata and finalizing tax slabs remain inadequate at the Vijayanagar Second Stage, despite it being handed over according to rules.

He emphasised that under current regulations, the MCC is only authorised to undertake maintenance work, not development projects. Therefore, initiating the handover process without clearly defining the jurisdiction of the local bodies and publishing it in the State Gazette would be illegal.

Financial strain on MCC

He further highlighted the financial strain on the MCC, which, despite completing works worth Rs. 400 crore within its limits over the past year, struggles to clear contractor bills. It could take up to two years to settle these arrears, raising concerns about how the MCC will raise funds to address the needs of new layouts.

Swamy also pointed out that the layouts already under the MCC's jurisdiction are plagued with issues like inadequate drinking water supply, poor road quality, and other basic infrastructural shortcomings.

He questioned how local bodies would be able to manage these new layouts without a clear source of revenue.

There is growing suspicion that the handover of these layouts is being rushed, either to protect the interests of certain parties or to distract from ongoing investigations into MUDA-related corruption.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy urged Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who also serves as the MUDA Chairman, to halt the process and engage in a detailed discussion before moving forward with any further transfers.

Now, CM is Chancellor of RDPR University, says Minister Patil
Governor's powers as Chancellor transferred to Chief Minister with Cabinet approval

Bengaluru, Nov. 29 (Agencies)- In a major decision, the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Draft Bill, 2024, was approved by the Cabinet on Thursday, thus transferring the powers that was until now vested with the Governor as the Chancellor of **Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR)** University to the Chief Minister.

With this, the Governor will not remain as the Chancellor of RDPR University, and the CM will be the Chancellor of the said Varsity, said Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H.K. Patil, while addressing the media persons after the Cabinet meeting.

Ahead of the Winter Session of the State Legislature scheduled to start from Dec. 9 at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, the State Cabinet has approved several Bills including Universities Amendment Bill, Karnataka Labour Welfare Corpus Fund (Amendment) to name a few.

If the Bill for amendment to Karnataka Labour Welfare Corpus Fund is passed by the Legislature, the labourers share will be increased to Rs.50, employer share to Rs.100 and Government share to Rs.50, said Minister Patil.

Presently, the labourer's contribution is Rs. 20, employer contribution - Rs.10 and Government contribution - Rs. 20, added Minister Patil.

BJP's internal rivalry takes an ugly turn
Former CM Sadananda Gowda slams factionalism; MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal asks him to shut up

Bengaluru, Nov. 29 (Agencies)- The ongoing internal rift within the Karnataka BJP escalated yesterday with a heated exchange between former Chief Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda and rebel legislator Basanagouda Patil Yatnal.

Yatnal, leading a dissenting faction against State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, dismissed Gowda's criticism, bluntly advising him to "shut his mouth."

Sadananda Gowda expressed deep disappointment over BJP central leadership's inaction regarding the growing internal discord, particularly the open revolt against Vijayendra led by Yatnal.

"I have written to the central leadership twice, urging them to intervene and address the infighting. It's disheartening that my appeals have gone unacknowledged," Gowda said, adding that he plans to visit Delhi to escalate the matter.

Gowda lamented the party's state, stating, "The Congress, despite being mired in corruption, has handed us issues on a golden platter. Yet, the BJP is unable to capitalise as we are embroiled in internal conflicts." He also delivered a cryptic remark aimed at the feuding leaders: "An earthworm's role is to enhance fertility, not to act like a cobra."

In response, Yatnal criticised Gowda, accusing him of hypocrisy. "What is his problem? He has previously spoken worse about corruption involving Yediyurappa and Vijayendra. He should keep his mouth shut," Yatnal remarked, adding that his faction's anti-Waqf campaign is for farmers' welfare, not personal power.

Rejecting Gowda's call for unity, Yatnal reiterated his faction's stance against the leadership of the "father-son duo" of Yediyurappa and Vijayendra, alleging their alignment with Congress leaders.

"We have not spoken against the party. We will not stop our fight since this is about the welfare of farmers [referring to the waqf land issue]. This fight is not to become the CM or against any family. No one needs to be anxious."

He further said, "Sadananda Gowda has spoken worse things about corruption involving Yediyurappa and his son Vijayendra. I have not spoken as much. If I speak now, Gowda will get exposed. He should shut his mouth."

Cow in Dinka village gives birth to triplets

Pandavapura, Nov. 29 (KS)- A rare and extraordinary sight awaited visitors at the cow shed of Shivappa in Dinka village, Pandavapura taluk, Mandya.

His cow gave birth to triplets — three healthy female calves — yesterday. Shivappa, a farmer and Vice-President of the Milk Producers' Co-operative Society in Dinka, has witnessed this remarkable event.

This is the fifth time the cow has given birth, but it is the first time she has delivered triplets, and the fact that all the calves are female is an even rarer occurrence. Typically, cows give birth to one calf or twin, making the birth of triplets a highly unusual event. The news has drawn crowds from Dinka and surrounding villages, all eager to catch a glimpse of the cow and her three newborn calves. Officials from the Animal Husbandry Department also visited the cowshed, expressing their surprise and admiration at this rare phenomenon.

Hassan Convention on Dec. 5

MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah flags off publicity vehicle in Mysuru

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (BLU&BS)- MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah today flagged off the publicity vehicle of *Federation of Progressive Organisations for Sri Siddaramaiah Swabhimani Janandolana Samavesha,* organised on Dec. 5 at Krishna Nagar in Hassan.

The publicity vehicle was flagged off in front of the statue of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu at the main entrance of Manasagangothri campus, Bogadi Road here, in the presence of MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Progressive Thinkers Dr. Kalegowda Nagawara and Prof. K.S. Bhagwan, District Congress Rural Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former President of Mysore Taluk Panchayat Manjula Manjunath and others.

Speaking to media persons, Dr. Yathindra said, a large number of people from Mysuru are expected to take part in the Convention, organised to give a fitting reply to the plot of Opposition parties, for targeting CM Siddaramaiah. The Convention is being organised under the aegis of Congress party with all the blessings of the High Command, he clarified.

The main motive behind organising the Convention is to tell the people that Siddaramaiah, in his decades long public life, has not committed any wrong.

About 2 lakh people are expected to attend the Convention, said Dr. Yathindra.

He also asserted that Siddaramaiah will complete his full term of five years as CM, with the results of recent by-elections held in the State, proving that the people's support is in favour of the party.

Fake letter

Dr. Yathindra dismissed the letter written to the party High Command by the supporters of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar against the forthcoming Convention in Hassan, as fake.

To a question on another case filed in the Court against his mother over the contentious 3.16 acres of land at Kesare (Survey No. 464), he said, the law will take its own course.

The publicity vehicle which will go around the District.

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Society Wedding...

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah attended the wedding reception of his late friend Krishna Alanahally (a socialist and litterateur) and Vinutha Krishna Alanahally's daughter Krithika Alanahally, former Hon. Wildlife Warden of Mysuru district, with Kannan Manoharan, an industrialist from Chennai (son of Selvi Manoharan and Manoharan) at The Windflower Resorts in city on Nov. 27 and blessed the newly-wed couple. Others seen are the bride's mother Vinutha, brother Pradyumna Alanahally, who is also a Congress leader, his wife Jyotsna, groom's parents and family members.

Rs. 100 crore to transform tourism in Srirangapatna

Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple is a focal point; to safeguard heritage, employment generation

Dr. Kumara

Mandya, Nov. 29 (BCT)- A Detailed Project Report (DPR) amounting to Rs. 100 crore is being prepared to bolster tourism in Srirangapatna, with the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple as its centrepiece.

This project underscores the commitment to preserving Srirangapatna's historical significance while paving the way for sustainable tourism and economic growth.

This ambitious proposal, aimed at preserving heritage and promoting economic development, will be submitted to the Union Ministry of Tourism, announced Mandya Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Kumara during a meeting held yesterday at the Deputy Commissioner's Office.

Comprehensive tourism development

Dr. Kumara highlighted that the project envisions a holistic development approach, covering key heritage and tourist sites within a 5.5 km radius of the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple. The plan prioritizes:

Preservation of heritage with restoration of the Wadiyar dynasty's birthplace and ancient ghats, infrastructure enhancements with the renovation of kalyanis (temple tanks), mantapas and roads and tourist amenities with the installation of multilingual signboards, display of historical war weapons and improved accessibility.

Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple at Srirangapatna.

Once finalised, the DPR will be discussed with the MLA of Srirangapatna before its official submission. Officials have been instructed to expedite preparations to meet the project's goals.

Economic and environmental impact

The Mandya DC emphasised that the project will not only enhance Srirangapatna's status as a tourist destination but also generate numerous employment opportunities for locals. Additionally, revenue generated from renovated tanks and tourist spots will help maintain cleanliness and preserve the natural beauty of the area.

Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage A. Devaraju pointed out the urgent need for repair works at the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple. He suggested exploring funding options directly from the temple if departmental funds are insufficient, ensuring that the repair works proceed without delays.

The meeting saw active participation from key officials, including Special Officer to the Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel B.N. Krishnaiah, Assistant Executive Engineer of the Archaeology Department Puttaswamy, Deputy Director of Tourism Department Raghavendra, Deputy Director of the Tourism Department, Executive Officer of the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple Uma, Executive Officer of the Sri Nimishamba Temple Krishna, Chief Officer of the Srirangapatna Town Municipal Council Rajanna along with Archaeological Conservation Assistants and other officials.

Cabinet opens doors to privatise Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel

Bengaluru, Nov. 29 (KMS& BCT)- The Karnataka Cabinet has decided to invite private parties for the repair, restoration and maintenance of the iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel in Mysuru.

The chosen party must ensure the preservation of the property's heritage status, said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil during a press briefing after the Cabinet meeting yesterday.

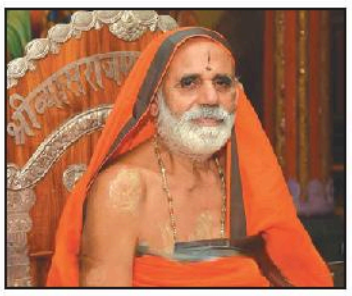
The issue was thoroughly discussed in the Cabinet before the decision was made to transfer the hotel's management to private hands through a tender process. Currently, the Jungle Lodges and Resorts, a unit of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), manages the hotel. However, renovation costs, estimated at Rs. 45 crore to Rs. 50 crore, have strained Government resources, Patil noted.

Commissioned on Nov. 18, 1921, by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the Lalitha Mahal Palace was built at the foot of Chamundi Hill to host British dignitaries, including the Viceroy of India. The grand white Palace spans 81 acres, including 51 acres and 15 guntas donated by the Maharajas.

After Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar signed the Instrument of Accession, the property was transferred to the Government, initially serving as a guest house, inaccessible to the public.

In 1974, the Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) assumed control, expanding the hotel from 22 rooms to 54 and attracting distinguished guests such as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prince Charles.

Two-day Vishwa Pavana Youth Seminar in city from tomorrow



Sri Vidyasreesha Theertha Swamiji

Mysuru, Nov. 29 (PM&BS)- Sri Vyasatirtha Vidyapeetha's Vidyarthi Parishad, Sosale Sri Vyasatirtha Mahasamsthan Mutt in the city has organised two-day Vishwa Pavana Youth Seminar on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Vidyapeetha premises in Krishnamurthypuram here.

Vice-Chancellor of National Sanskrit University, Tirupati G.S.R. Krishnamurthy will be inaugurating the seminar on Nov. 30 at 9.30 am. The office-bearers of Vidyarthi Parishad D. Vishwagna and D.K. Srihari will be participating in the seminar. Principal of Vidyapeetha Sughosh Acharya will deliver the introductory address, followed by the first session that will be chaired by G.S.R. Krishnamurthy. The students of Vidyapeetha will be presenting their views on Alankara Shastra.

Noted scholar Dr. Veeranarayana Pandurangi will preside over the second session at 2.30 pm. The students of Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha, Bengaluru will be presenting their views on 'Meemamse'; students of Sri Trayee Vidya Gurukulam, Srirangam on vedas and students of Atmashrama Vidyapeeth, Bengaluru on 'Samskrita Shastra Patane-Naveenopaya'.

The young scholars of Sri Guru Sarvabhouma Vidyapeeth, Mantralaya will present their views on 'Dharmashastra Grahana' and the students of S.M.S.P. Sanskrit College, Udupi on 'Jyothishya Shastra- Prashne Shastra Sutraanam Mahatwam'.

Veteran scholar Prof. K.E. Devanathan and Vidwan Haridas Bhat will preside over the third session on Dec. 1 at 10 am. The students of Nija Kamadhenu Gurukula, Bengaluru will present their views on 'Nyaya Shastra', students of Jayateertha Vidyapeeth, Bengaluru on 'Vyakarana Shastra' and the students of Bhavi Sameera Gurukula, Sonda (Sondhe) near Sirsi on 'Vedantha Vyapti'.

The valedictory of the seminar will be held on Dec. 1 at 2.30 pm. Sosale Mutt Seer Sri Vidyasreesha Theertha Swamiji will grace the ceremony. Veteran scholars B.S. Sheshagiri Acharya, Dr. C.H. Sreenivas Murthy Acharya, Vidwan Haridas Bhat and Prof. K.E. Devanathan will be the chief guests.

Arjun Simha and M. Gopal, the office-bearers of Sri Vyasatirtha Vidyapeetha's Vidyarthi Parishad will be present.

Human-elephant conflict: A win-win resolution

Debut author Sreevalli Sreenivasan will be in city tomorrow to participate in the 9th Edition of the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival-2024. Sreevalli has a Mysuru connection too — she is the great grand-daughter of Mandyam A. Sreenivasan, who occupied many posts in the Princely State of Mysore, including the posts of President of the Mysore City Municipal Council and Chairman of City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), which is now Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Sreevalli, daughter of M.A. Sreenivasan and Sujatha Sreenivasan from Bengaluru, is also the grand-niece of renowned economist and author Devaki Jain. Notably, Devaki Jain's son, Sreenivasan Jain, is a well-known TV journalist, formerly associated with NDTV. Sreevalli's children's book, *'Let the Elephants Bee,'* explores pressing environmental issues. Here we publish Sreevalli's insightful article which delves into the escalating human-elephant conflict, examining its roots in habitat loss, human encroachment and climate change. — Ed

Sreevalli Sreenivasan

By Sreevalli Sreenivasan

Elephants or 'Gentle Giants' as my grandfather referred to them during my childhood, are increasingly at odds with humans. The elephants increasingly find their home fragmented due to human settlements (that is, new villages/farms/cities), transport networks and industries (that is, mining).

Elephants are mega-herbivores that eat up to 150 kilograms of forage, largely grass, leaves and bark and drink up to 190 litres of water a day. They must traverse large areas to find food and water to survive. However, the land they rely on is changing because of human settlements and climate change.

The biggest threat to the survival of Asian elephants is habitat loss. According to the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature, only 15 percent of the historical roaming range of Asian elephants remains. Thus, forcing elephants to travel through human-dominated landscapes.

HABITAT LOSS

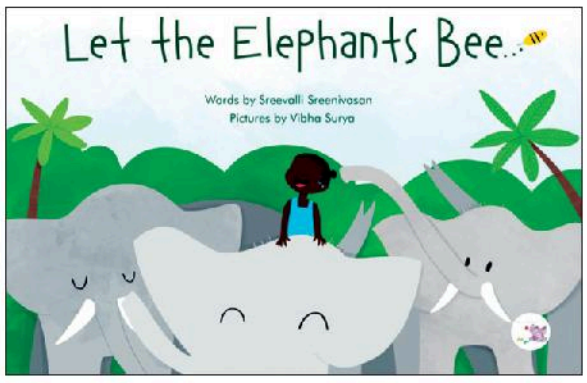
This habitat loss is a threat not only to elephants but also to all wildlife and people who directly or indirectly depend on natural habitats. India is home to the majority of elephants in Asia. States such as Karnataka, Assam and Odisha have witnessed many instances of conflict in the past few years, leading to the loss of human and elephant lives.

Karnataka, known for having the highest number of elephants in the country, is facing an alarming rise in elephant deaths year on year. Regions such as Hassan, Kodagu, Mysuru and Chikkamagalur are particularly affected.

Elephants often come into plantations and farms for food such as sugarcane and bananas, as they are not able to find a sizable amount of food in one place.

As the senior officer from the Forest Department explains "Gomala's which is Government land, reserved for pasture of the animals, were used for elephant migrations. Unfortunately, the lands are now being used for food crops by the farmers. Even some of the coffee estates used to be elephant corridors." Elephants can single-handedly destroy large farms in one night.

This destruction of land often leads to those affected employing various methods to keep elephants out of their crops including poison (on crops), electric fences, bright lights, trenches, dogs and even crackers. These techniques often do not work. Furthermore, they can lead to the death of elephants.



Children's book titled 'Let the Elephants Bee.'

WORKABLE SOLUTIONS

I grew up surrounded by animal lovers and was inspired by my grandfather Sir M.A. Parthasarathy. This upbringing instilled in me a passion to support animal welfare causes especially with regards to elephants.

I felt compelled to research sustainable and harmless methods that could be used for the peaceful resolution to the human-elephant conflict with no harm to human or elephant lives.

It was then that I came across Dr. Lucy King's work on the design of bee-hive fences to keep elephants out of harm's way. Elephants are scared of bees and once an elephant knows there are bees in an area they are known to communicate this information to the other elephants. This is a solution that has had a lot of success in Kenya. Further, it even ended up creating a secondary revenue stream for the farmers through honey extraction.

To get children to start talking about this conflict and thinking about peaceful resolutions, I wrote a children's book titled *'Let the Elephants Bee.'* This is part one in a series of books themed 'Living with Nature'.

Author Sreevalli's painting was exhibited at a Museum in New England. The painting is another aspect of raising awareness about human-elephant conflict. The art work is now with Hopkins Centre for the Arts at Dartmouth College.

MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH

While discussing the book with a senior officer from the Forest Department, he said that this solution is a good opportunity and has the potential to drive away elephants as well as help with the conservation of bees (bee populations are also decreasing).

This approach can be a part of a potential multi-pronged solution. The beehive fence is one part of the solution. The creation of more elephant corridors that will allow the safe passage of elephants from one habitat to another is the second.

The third could be encouraging farmers to move away from cash crops such as sugarcane to crops that elephants dislike such as chia seeds or chillies (and giving them economic incentives so that they don't lose money by switching crops).

A key part of this solution is educating people about all available solutions and options. This is part of the solution I hope my book will address in a small way.

As part of my ongoing effort to spread the message, I have been invited to the Ninth Edition of Mysuru Children's Literature Festival on Nov. 30, where I will hopefully start a dialogue about peaceful solutions and 'Living with Nature,' with children, the future decision-makers of the world.

My grandfather Sir M.A. Parthasarathy (knighted by the Dutch Monarch) was an advocate for nature and wildlife and an inspiration to me. He was a Trustee and one of the Founders of WWF-India, a Chair of International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Education Task Force and a member of its first Asian Elephant Task Force, Chairman of the Urban Arts Commission and a recipient of UNEP's Global 500 Award (1992). ■

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WORD OF THE DAY

Eddy

Pronunciation: EDD-ee (noun).
Meaning: An eddy is a current of water or air running contrary to the main current, especially as a whirlpool. In figurative use, eddy may also refer to a contrary or circular current of thought or policy.
Origin: "He walked by the stream, far from the houses, and in the light and warmth of the sun fell asleep on the bank. When he awoke and was afoot again, he lingered there yet a little longer, watching an eddy that turned and turned purposeless, until the stream absorbed it, and carried it on to the sea." This use of eddy (from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens) reflects a sense that has been swirling around English for centuries; the earliest documented uses of eddy to refer to water currents goes back to the 1400s. Etymologists trace the word to the Scottish dialect term ydy, which had the same basic meaning as our modern term. The verb form of eddy meaning "to move in or cause to move in an eddy or in the manner of an eddy" (as in "the waves eddied against the pier") appeared a few centuries after noun.
Example: "These adventures were avenues to experience nature, the way a river current bends around rocks to form strings of rapids and eddies, the way snow blankets the land in a brisk silence. I made note of these observations. As I explored the landscape, I also began to explore its stories." — Teow Lim Goh, LitHub.com, 1 Nov. 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Eellogofusciouhipoppokunurious

Very good, very fine.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Excuse my French

Meaning: The term "Excuse my French" means please forgive my swearing. It also appears as "Pardon my French."
Origin: French was the official language of England from 1066 till 1362 (about 300 years). It did not peter out quickly, particularly among the aristocracy, and it wasn't uncommon in later centuries for the English to accidentally use French words when talking. So, initially, the term "excuse/pardon my French" was literally a request for the listener to pardon the use of increasingly unfashionable French. This is likely how the term was initially popularised. The use of this expression with "French" as a synonym for "swear word" originates from the early 1800s, when the rivalry between England was France was at its height. (It was of course the era of the Napoleonic Wars.) If a person swore in polite company, they would quickly follow up with "excuse my French" as a witty way to apologise for swearing. The idea was that French words were as disagreeable as swear words.
Example: Oh, you little b**tard! That hurt. Oh, sorry. Please excuse my French.

QUOTE BOX

Man's education begins at birth; before he can speak or hear, he is already learning. — **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: A round dozen.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Opera part
5 Beat hollow
9 Freezing
12 Basic monetary unit of Ghana
13 Other abroad
14 Natl. Stock Exchg.
15 Moose or caribou
16 Plunders
18 Hold closely
20 Antitoxins
21 Musical instrument
24 Retire from military service
27 Disappeared
31 Estimated life expectancy
32 Letters of urgency
33 Period of years
34 Tehran's locale
35 Hang loosely
36 Flying vehicle
38 Make into law
41 Job for a plumber
42 Fibs or untruths
44 Mentally prepare
48 Made insensitive to?
52 Norwegian city
53 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton
54 In one's birthday suit?
55 Repast
56 ___ maid : an elderly or confirmed spinster ?
57 Army three-stripers in short?
58 Flying fish eater?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	T	H	■	O	G	P	U	■	A	D	A	M
A	H	A	■	O	N	E	S	■	W	A	G	E
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L	O	I	S	■	U	H	F	■	E	L	B	A
K	U	L	L	U	■	M	E	W	■	M	S	G
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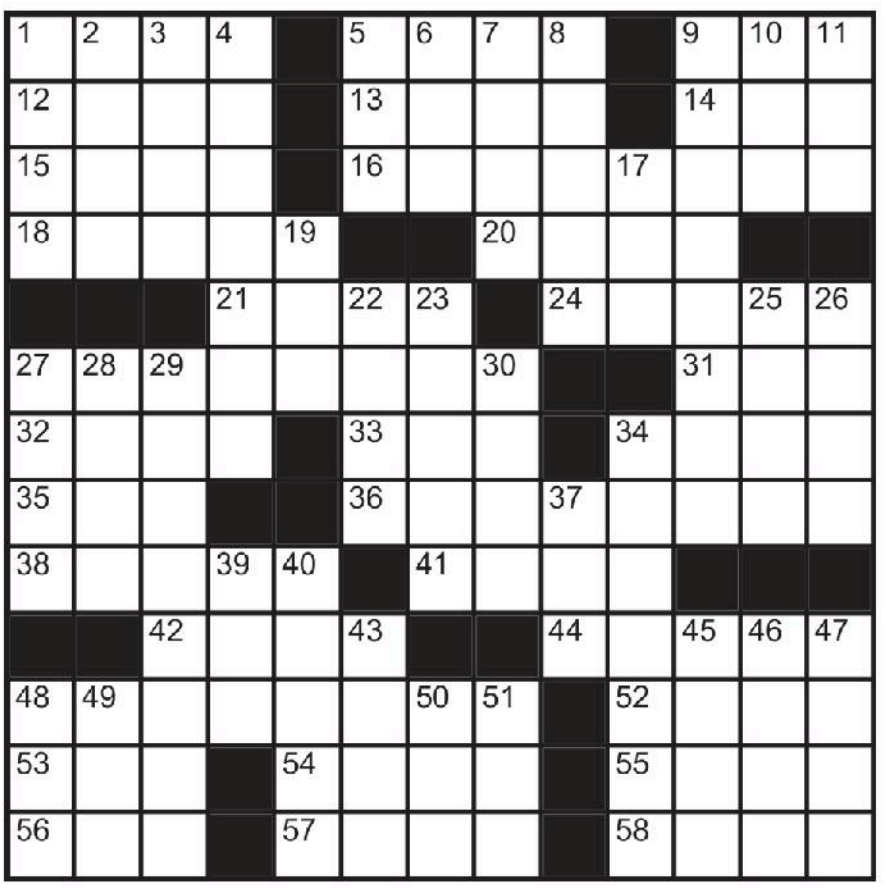
DOWN

1 Current types (2-2)
2 Lively type of Scottish dance
3 A conception
4 Zeppelin
5 A black European beetle
6 Required Time of Arrival
7 Big vases
8 Stationed
9 Out of public hearing (2,6)
10 Chennai based IPL team
11 Affirmative
17 `Were' in the present tense
19 Step in ballet
22 Mother of Zeus
23 Serious danger
25 Norwegian monarch
26 Not straight
27 Holder of flowers in your drawing room
28 __ __ example : e.g. ? (2,2)
29 North Eastern state
30 To venture
34 Irritating or bothersome
37 ___ in hand : humbly?
39 Dev Anand thriller of yore
40 Adolescents
43 Cosy
45 Belgian river
46 A Scottish family
47 Gap
48 Dead Letter Off.
49 Slender fish
50 Energy Design Technique, abbr.
51 Desmond's pet name ?



SUDOKU

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1		3				8		5
	9						3	
7		8				4		2
			5	8	1			
3		9	4		6	5		1
				3				

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	9	4	3	6	2	5	1
6	2	4	9	1	5	8	3	7
5	1	3	2	7	8	6	9	4
1	4	5	3	2	9	7	8	6
3	6	2	5	8	7	4	1	9
8	9	7	1	6	4	5	2	3
4	5	8	7	9	1	3	6	2
9	3	6	8	4	2	1	7	5
2	7	1	6	5	3	9	4	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UWLREUM CRW XDGS CLVW NFODFCS XZ AED FM

RFM QEUEQFCS CX NWMUFMW RFAMWGZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: People seldom improve when they have no model other than themselves to copy after.

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Maryade Prashne (K)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Jalandhara (K)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Naa Ninna Bidalare (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Sorgavaasal (Ta)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 4.25 pm
Megha (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
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Pani (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Sorgavaasal (Ta)	(S-1)	6.40 pm; (S-4) 10.45 am
Amaran (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Amaran (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am; (S-3) 3.50 pm
	(S-4)	7.30 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	2.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 9.20 pm
	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Naa Ninna Bidalare (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.20 pm

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Moana 2 (H-2D)	:	10.30 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50, 9.45 pm
Sorgavaasal (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 6 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	:	11.30 am, 3.30 pm, 10 pm
Roti Kapda Romance (Te)	:	11.45 am
Amaran (Ta)	:	12 noon, 6.30 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	1.15 pm
Gunaa (Ta)	:	2.30 pm
Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)	:	3 pm, 10.15 pm
Naa Ninna Bidalare (K)	:	4.10 pm
Vallyettan (Ma)	:	7 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	7.10 pm
Ishq (Te)	:	9 pm

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Amaran (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 2.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 12.20 pm, 2.45 pm, 5.10 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Moana 2 (H-2D)	:	6.30 pm
Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)	:	10.25 am, 5.50 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.20, 10.15 pm
Jalandhara (K)	:	12.50 pm
Megha (K)	:	3.20 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	9.30 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Moana 2 (H)	:	10.20 am
Sorgavaasal (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)	:	3.35 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	:	3.45 pm
Zebra (K)	:	6.45 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

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Amaran (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Megha (K)	:	4.25 pm
Naa Ninna Bidalare (K)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 29)

- **Mysuru City Police:** Valedictory of Annual Sports Meet-2024, Conservator of Forests (CF) Dr. M. Malathi Priya chief guest, CAR Parade Grounds, **4 pm.**
- **Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Rajyotsava celebrations, B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara chief guest, Kannada Gana Namana by 'Charu' Theatre Songs Troupe, Pratishtana premises, SBM and Other Bank Employees Welfare Layout, opposite University Layout, **4.30 pm.**
- **Punyakoti Seva Trust, Vijayanagar:** Rajyotsava celebrations, Kannada Music Programme, Mysore Mahalingu, noted singer, music director and Akashvani artiste and team will perform; Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda and Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital & NeuroZone MD and BJP leader Dr. Shushrutha Gowda chief guests; Felicitation to Actor Tennis Krishna and Sai Ranga Residential Deaf School for Boys (Bannimantap) Head Master Y.V. Raghunatha Gowda, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Bhushans Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru:** 'Nruthya Bhushana-2024,' a National Classical Dance Festival, Inauguration by Karnataka Kalasree Revathi Kamath and Internationally Acclaimed Bharatanatyam artiste Guru Padmini Ravi, **6.15 pm;** Bhakt, a dance feature by Padmini Ravi, Lakshmi Ramesh and Shruthi Rao, **6.30 pm;** Andal - by Bharatanatyam exponent, Guru Soundarya Srivatsa and artistes of Narthana Keertana, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandika Academy of Arts, Saraswathipuram, **7.35 pm.**
- **The Divine Life Society for Ladies:** Discourse on 'Sundarakanda Ramayana' by K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Expo and Cultural programmes, Sugama Sangeetha, Bhavageete and Bhaktigeete programme by Ratnamma and troupe, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Musical Evening by Kushi Melodies Orchestra of Nagarabavi, Bengaluru, P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa, Exhibition Grounds, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 30)

- **Mahaveer Vidya Mandira School (Sri Jain Education Society), Srirampura:** Open House and Science Fest, retired Professor of Anatomy Dr. N.M. Shama Sundar and Gravity Science Foundation (Chamarajanagar) Secretary A.S. Abhishek chief guests, Sri Jain Education Society Chairman Dr. Bahubali G. Nagavi presides, **10 am to 2 pm.**
- **Department of Studies and Research in English in collaboration with Department of Studies and Research in Psychology, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mukthagangothri, Mysuru:** Two-day National Seminar on 'Prisms of Psychology in the Literary Realm,' Technical Session 3 - 'Psychology and Literature' by Prof. M. Sreenevas, Chairman, DoS in Psychology, Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru, **10.30 am to 12.30 pm;** Technical Session 4 - 'Carl Jung and Literature' by Prof. Sampath Kumar, Chairman, DoS in Psychology, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, **2 pm to 4 pm;** Valedictory - Prof. V. Srikantha Reddy, former Vice-Chancellor, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupathi, chief guest, Prof. K. B. Praveena, Registrar, KSOU, Dr. N. Lakshmi, Dean (Academic), KSOU, Dr. S. Srikanth, Chairman, Department of Studies and Research in English, KSOU and Dr. P. Manjunath, Chairman, Department of Studies and Research in Psychology, KSOU, will be present, Cauvery Hall, KSOU premises, **4.15 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **St. Joseph's College of Education, Jayalakshmipuram:** Graduation Day of the 52nd batch, Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore and President of MDES, presides, Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM), chief guest, Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, Secretary and Correspondent, MDES, Rev. Fr. Naveen Kumar, Treasurer, MDES, Seby Mavely, CEO, Training and Development Wing - MDES and Dr. Priya Mathew, College Principal, will be present, College premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage:** Lecture on 'Ancestry of Karnataka Coins' by Gautam R. Jantakal, a Research Scholar of Shivamogga's Kuvempu University, Department Office, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) premises, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **11 am.**
- **Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Ninth Edition of Mysuru Children's Literature Festival-2024, Sculptor Arun Yogiraj inaugurates, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar chief guest, Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson and Director, Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, Thankam Panakal, Secretary and others will be present, Wind Chimes, Nazarbad, Mysuru, **2 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni - 856,' story-telling by M.R. Anitha, Teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Mysuru District Gym and Fitness Centres Association:** State-level Chamaraja Wadiyar Cup Body-building and Best Physique Competition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Spiritualising Work' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Bhushans Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru:** 'Nruthya Bhushana-2024,' a National Classical Dance Festival, Kshetra Kavya, a conceptual dance production by Guru Poornima Gururaja and artistes of Kalasindhu, Bengaluru, **6.15 pm;** Bhushans, along with their sons, Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, will present mega musical dance theatrical — Colours of Krishna — with a beautiful blend of Odissi by Anushree Padmanabha and team and Kathak by Sohini Karanth and team, it will also feature Thanmayi, Tanisha and team, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandika Academy of Arts, Saraswathipuram, **7.15 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**
- **Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Lecture on *'Ramayana in the compositions of Thyagaraja'* by Vidu. Lalitha Srinivasan, **4 pm;** Classical music concert under 'Aralu Prathibhe' series, vocal concert by Prerana Praveen (disciple of Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar) accompanied by Govinda Madhava on violin and Bhuvan Ravishankar on mridanga, 'Sriswara', No. 1095, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

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